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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Status of Individual Members in the Management of the Affairs of the Association.

AT the last meeting of the Council of the Association the Organization Committee reported that it had received information from several quarters to the effect that there exists to some extent among members, and more especially among non-members, an impression that individual members of the Association have practically no voice in the conduct of its affairs, especially when, as is often the case at present, the individual is unable to attend a Division meeting or record his or her vote by post. The Committee accordingly proposed in communicating with the Divisions and Branches to draw special attention to the fact that under By-law 35 it was within the power of constituencies to elect their representatives by postal vote. This recommendation, which was agreed to, gave rise to some discussion, and eventually, on the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by Dr. Domville, it was resolved to instruct the Organization Committee to report on the possibility of the extension of the use of the postal vote in the administration of the affairs of the Association.

Medical Demobilization.

In view of the cessation of hostilities the Central Medical War Committee has been in communication with the Ministry of National Service, and through it with the War Office, as to the possibility of immediately relieving the strain upon the medical profession in England and Wales, due to the epidemic of influenza, by the release of a certain number of medical men from military service. The War Office has promised its assistance, and although the number of medical officers who can be released in the near future is comparatively small, it is hoped that they will relieve the pressure on areas where the risk of breakdown in attendance on the civil population is substantial.

The Committee has addressed a letter to the Local Medical War Committees in England and Wales, asking each to consider the condition of its area, to ascertain whether any particular district in it is so seriously depleted of medical men as to be in danger, and to select from the list of medical men from any such district now on service those most likely to meet the risk. It is pointed out that as the intention is to relieve the urgent pressure on the medical profession men should not be nominated who are serving on distant fronts, and that in the emergency due to the epidemic of influenza, questions of personal hardship and length of service should not be taken into account, except in cases in which the return of one of two doctors would equally relieve the difficulty in a particular district. Should it be found that no medical officer now on service belonging to the district is available the Committee is asked to notify this, so that steps may, if possible, be taken to relieve the situation. The Local Medical War Committees are asked also to prepare second lists of medical officers whose release from military service will preclude the possibility of future breakdown, and also to take into consideration the position of hospitals and other institutions in the area not under a Government department. With the information asked for in its possession the Central Medical War Committee will apportion the medical officers that can be released by the military authorities among the local committees, in accordance with the urgency of the situation in each area.

The two points upon which the local committees are asked to advise may be summarized under the two heads, of relieving existing danger and securing future safety. Application should be made only from such districts in which real difficulty exists or is anticipated.

Pay of Medical Officers of the Territorial Force and Special Reserve.

The Naval and Military Committee of the Association has enlisted the active interest and co-operation of Commander Carlyon Bellairs in the effort to obtain more equitable treatment of the junior officers of the R.A.M.C. (T.F.) and Special Reserve who joined before the war. Failing to obtain satisfactory official replies to the various questions which he has asked in the House on the subject, Commander Bellairs has recently circularized every member of Parliament asking whether they are prepared to support the recommendation of the Departmental Committee on Promotion and Pay of Officers of R.A.M.C. Special Reserve and Territorial Force—namely, that officers of the R.A.M.C.(T.F.) and Special Reserve who joined before the war should be put on a level with temporarily commissioned contract officers as regards pay, allowances, and gratuities, where they would gain thereby. Over 160 favourable replies have been received, and Commander Bellairs has been asked to press the matter further at the earliest opportunity.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commander R. Hughes to the *Neptune*. Surgeon-Lieutenant Commanders: A. R. Davidson to the *London*, L. F. Cope to the *Europa*. Surgeon-Lieutenants (temporary): W. L. Colbourne to Haslar Hospital, J. H. Sheldon to Chatham Hospital, T. E. Ashley to the *Crescent*, V. I. Smith to the *Lancaster*. To be Surgeon-Lieutenant (temporary): J. T. Johnston.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of October 3rd regarding temporary honorary Lieut.-Colonel Sir John Bland-Sutton is cancelled.

To be acting Lieut.-Colonels whilst in command of a medical unit: Temporary Captain (acting Major) F. R. Thornton, M.C., Lieutenant (temporary Captain) A. J. Hickey, M.C., temporary Captain L. G. Brown, M.C., temporary Major C. V. Mackay, Major F. A. Stephens, D.S.O.

Captain F. C. Moore, R.A.M.C.(T.F.), to be temporary Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major on reposting: Captain E. Catford, temporary Captains H. F. Wilson, M.C., W. S. Martin, M.C., T. P. Cole.

Temporary Captain H. Dodgson to be temporary Major.

Temporary Captains to be acting Majors:—Whilst specially employed: G. H. Darlington, P. A. Leighton. Whilst commanding troops on a hospital ship: W. A. Clayton.

To be acting Majors: Captain D. C. G. Ballingall, M.C., temporary Captains D. MacIntyre, M.C., H. J. Pickering, C. S. E. Wright, R. G. Riches, J. S. Hall.

Temporary Captain B. H. Mellon from A.V.C. to be Captain.

Lieutenants (temporary Captains) to be Captains: J. M. McKenzie, M.C., B. R. Thompson, M.C., (acting Major) A. E. Richmond, (acting Lieut.-Colonel) A. J. Hickey, M.C.

A. D. Clinch, late temporary Captain, is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Captains: W. H. Wishart (on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), V. G. Best, T. B. Sellors, P. A. Hall, G. R. Gray, J. Welsh (on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), temporary honorary Lieutenant S. A. Moor.

Officers relinquish their commissions on transfer to the R.A.F.: Temporary Captains: W. H. Anderson, F. H. Bowen, E. Brown, J. D. Bridger, E. R. Bastard, L. C. Blackstone, W. Bannerman, J. E. Cable, J. E. Cox, E. P. Chennells, E. P. Carmody, G. W. Clark, L. G. Davies, A. J. Davoren, R. H. Dixon, R. A. G. Elliott, J. Gardner, H. M. Holt, P. H. Hadfield, H. Harvey, R. J. Hearn, A. E. F. F. Huntsman, T R. Hunter, F. Irvine, F. C. Jobson, W. M. Jeffreys, J. Keenan, W. R. Kemp, A. Lindsay, E. W. Longden, W. B. Loveless, G. Lewin, C. E. Lowe, T. E. Mulvaney, F. C. Morgan, A. E. McCulloch, P. W. McKeag, W. R. Nasmyth, H. J. Orr Ewing, J. J. O'Mullane, W. H. Payne, A. W. P. Pirie, H. W. Pigeon, T. S. Rippon, H. Y. Riddell, J. I. Russell, A. F. Rook, L. C. Rivett, R. H. Robbins, A. B. Rooke, T. E. Regan, R. L. Roe, D. Ranken, J. J. Sinclair, H. B. Smith, C. Salkeld, J. B. Stevenson, M.C., A. E. B. Sim, W. A. Simpson, F. O. Spensley, C. E. Thwaites, A. Thompson, C. Visger, A. W. Weston, A. J. O. Wigmore, D. Wilson, J. L. Whatley, W. F. Walker, H. E. Whittingham, H. N. Wright, L. A. Walker, W. P. Wippell, A. H. Wade, M. R. Dobson, M. Hocken, O. May, C. Peacock, C. P. Strong, A. H. L. Thomas. Temporary Lieutenants: C. J. Miner, C. T. Costello, J. A. Johnson, P. M. Roberts.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: J. B. J. L. Dalby, F. G. Beatty, J. Walker, H. A. R. E. Unwin, A. Y. Hutchinson, D. A. H. Moses, M.C., E. Evans, C. Watson.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) H. C. T. Langdon retains the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel while employed.

J. T. T. Forbes is granted a temporary commission as Lieutenant.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS.

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Major J. S. Carruthers to be temporary Lieut.-Colonel.

Temporary Captain (acting Major) C. F. Martin to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed as Officer in Command of a Medical Division.

Temporary Captains to be acting Majors: R. N. W. Shillington (while specially employed in a hospital ship), W. A. Wilson (while specially employed at a general hospital).

Temporary Captains to be temporary Majors: H. J. Shields, T. F. Cotton, T. L. Towers, H. W. Whytock, M C., G. E. McCartney, K E. Hollis, J. L. Tower, (acting Majors) O. S Waugh, W. G. Lyall, W. L. Mann, H. J. Williamson, and J. R. Goodall.

Temporary Captain C. A. Yates is cashiered by sentence of a general court-martial, September 24th, 1918.

Honorary Captain H. J. Testar to be honorary Captain with pay and allowances.

Temporary Captain C. J. Charpentier is dismissed the service by sentence of a general court-martial, September 29th, 1918.

BRITISH WEST INDIES REGIMENT.

Temporary Surgeon-Lieutenant A. G. McKenley to be temporary Surgeon-Captain.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel (honorary Surgeon-Colonel) A. Thorne is retired on completion of tenure of command, and is granted permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform.

Major A. J. Hall to be Lieut.-Colonel, and is restored to the establishment.

Captain (Brevet Major) H. F. Horne to be Major, and to remain seconded.

Captain J. M. Bowie to be Major.

Captains to be acting Majors whilst specially employed: A. Rodger, J. McL. Macfarlane, M.C., J. B. F. Wilson.

Temporary Captain (acting Major) G. E. St. C. Stockwell to be Major (temporary), May 19th, 1918 (substituted for announcement in the *London Gazette* of July 11th, 1918).

Captain (acting Major) R. S. Taylor, D.S.O., is granted precedence in his acting rank from May 29th, 1915.

Captains F. M. Robertson and F. R. H. Laverick relinquish their commissions on account of ill health contracted on active service, and are granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Captain E. T. Roper relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Officers seconded: Captain (temporary Major) D. W. E. Jones (whilst holding a temporary commission in the A.M.S.), Captains W. B. Secretan, J. E. Adams, and A J. Walton (for service overseas), G. Wright (for service with a general hospital), J. P. I. Harty (for duty with R.A.F.), A. H. Evans, F. C. Moore (whilst holding a temporary commission in the R.A.M.C.)

The announcements regarding temporary Captains W. H. Broad, Charles Butler, and Alexander Anderson, published respectively in the *London Gazette* of October 30th, 1918, October 6th, 1914, and October 23rd, 1914, are cancelled.

Captain (temporary Major) F. D. S. Jackson relinquishes his temporary rank, and is restored to the establishment.

Captain (acting Major) G. L. Chiene relinquishes his acting rank and is restored to the establishment.

Captains (acting Majors) relinquish their acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed: F. R. Humphreys (March 31st, 1917), R. Proudfoot, G. A. Auden, W. T. Torrance.

Major C. H. Usher and Captain N. Milner are restored to the establishment.

Captain H. A. T. Fairbank, D.S.O., is restored to the establishment on relinquishing his temporary commission in the R.A.M.C.

Captains H. M. Davies, P. J. Sheedy, G. White, and M. W. Williams relinquish their commissions on account of ill health and are granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Lieutenants to be Captains: R. S. Moon, A. C. Swanston-Thomas, A. G Yates, R. McKenzie.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Captain A. G. T. Hanks to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

To be Captains: Captains (acting Major) E. B. Hinde, A. Burgess, and J. McG. Deuchars, from R.A.M.C., R. J. McConnell from a field ambulance, N. P. Laing from Attached to Units other than Medical Units.

Captain T. Porter relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

APPOINTMENTS.

LEEDS INFIRMARY.—The following honorary appointments have been made:—Obstetric Surgeon: Carlton Oldfield, M.D., B.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Aural Surgeon: W. Maxwell Munby, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Pathologist: Matthew J. Stewart, M.B., M.R.C.P. Surgeon in Charge of Out-patients: Harold Collinson, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.S., F.R.C.S.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following appointments have been made:—Casualty Officers and Resident Anaesthetists: W. G. Palmer, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., G. A. Goolden, B.A. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R. S. Foss, J. J. MacDonnell, M. Benaroya. Resident House-Physicians: P. Lloyd Williams, A. E. Ward, G. R. Hull, R. A. Walker. Resident House-Surgeons: C. F. McLean, B.A.Cantab., W. M. Anthony, A. T. Spoor, B.A. Cantab., E. K. Macdonald. House-Surgeon to Block 8: R. Calvo, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Obstetric House-Physician: A. St. G. Huggett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTH.

NITCH-SMITH.—On November 8th, at 19, Portland Court, W.1, Joy (*née* Hounsell), wife of Reginald Nitch Smith, a son.

MARRIAGE.

PICKERING—TURNER.—On November 14th, at Wilmslow, Cheshire, Captain Bernard Pickering, R.A.M.C., to May, daughter of the Rev. Horace Turner, of Mendip House, Wilmslow.

DEATHS.

ARBUCKLE.—On November 17th, at Thorne, near Doncaster, Hugh Wight Arbuckle, M.D., in his 72nd year.

DOW.—At Shiraz, Persia, on the 5th inst., of influenza, John Dow, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Captain Indian Medical Service, aged 29, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dow, Mayne Road, Elgin.

HOWELLS.—On November 6th, in France, of pneumonia, John Francis, Surgeon R.N., beloved elder son of Dr. and Mrs. John Howells, Swansea, and dearly beloved husband of Dora Gwendoline Howells (*née* Miles), The Pines, Penylan, Cardiff.

THOMPSON.—On October 20th, at 92, Huskisson Street, Liverpool, from pneumonia, May (May E. Henry, M.B.), dearly loved wife of M. A. Thompson, M.B., Major R A.M.C.

WOO.—On November 15th, at South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Frederick Joseph Woo, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Edin., aged 27, House-Surgeon of the Hospital, from pneumonia, following influenza.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE DOMINIONS AND UNITED STATES.

THE following are among the facilities offered in London to medical officers of the Dominions and United States in this country.

The *British Medical Association* invites these officers to make use of its house at 429, Strand, including the library. They are also invited to communicate with the honorary secretaries of the Divisions and Branches of the Association in the areas in which they reside, in order that they may be invited to attend meetings of Divisions or Branches. The Medical Secretary will, on application, send the name and address of the secretary of the local Division or Branch.

The *Royal Society of Medicine* also invites these officers to make use of its library, to attend the meetings of the Society and its sections which are announced weekly in this column, and generally to take advantage of facilities offered by the Society to its Fellows, including the Fellows' room where tea, coffee, and cigarettes are provided between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. Arrangements have also been made to give help to officers in the country and abroad by sending them information from the library, including abstracts and translations. The principal hospitals of London have cordially expressed their willingness to admit medical officers of the Dominions and American armies to lectures, operations, etc. Further particulars can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Mr. J. Y. W. MacAlister, but detailed programmes are posted in the hall of the Society, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1 (about five minutes' walk from Oxford Circus).

The *Royal College of Surgeons of England* (Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.) has provided in its museum space for the display of the Army Medical War Collection; additions are constantly being made as the preparation of new specimens is completed. The collection, which includes also drawings and specimens of protective apparatus, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Officers desiring to read in the library can obtain permission on application to the Librarian.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1, 8.30 p.m.—Professor J. G. Adami, Colonel C.A.M.S.: Inheritance and Acquirement of Disease—A Study of the Rejected.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Odontology*, 8 p.m., Mr. Cole and Mr. C. H. Bubb: Bone Grafting in Ununited Fractures of the Mandible.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		NOVEMBER.
26	Tues.	London: Rural Practitioners Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
28	Thur.	London: Propaganda Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
		DECEMBER.
10	Tues.	London: Vaccination Subcommittee, 3.30 p.m.

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